

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN LENGTH OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the length of National Highways in the country increased from 52,010 k.m in 2001 to 6,55,569 k.m. in March, 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for increase in the length of National Highways during the said period; and
- (c) the total amount spent on construction of National Highways during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) The length of National Highways has increased from 57,737 km in March 2001 to 65,569 km in March, 2004, due to declaration of National Highways in various States. The National Highways were declared due to increased traffic demand, providing access to hilly region, connection to the international border and places of tourist importance, providing shorter grid to National Highway network etc.

(c)The total amount spent on development of National Highways in the country by the Government during the said period is about Rs. 23,506 crore.